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In re Application of:

Hiroshi TOYODA, et al.

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND
MANUFACTURING METHOD OF
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-SB-08. Applicants are filing this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. This IDS supplements the IDS filed on February 12, 2004.

Copies of the listed foreign documents are attached. Copies of the U.S. patents are not attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate their consideration by making appropriate notation on the attached form.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or full translation of the non-English documents, Applicants enclose a copy of a Chinese Patent Office Action mailed in counterpart foreign

application No. 02118069.5, citing and setting forth the relevance of the non-English documents. A Japanese language translation of the Chinese Patent Office Action is also enclosed, along with an English language summary of the Chinese Patent Office Action.

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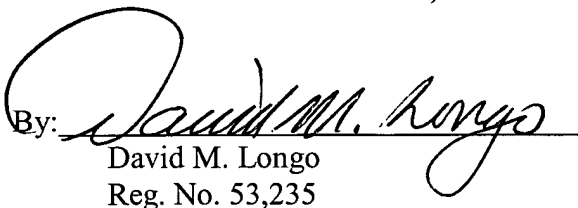
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Respectfully submitted,

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